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Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement

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Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action communication mailed 12/18/2002 setting a one (1) month shortened statutory period for reply, Applicants timely request entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the following remarks.

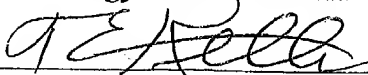
IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. A substantially purified *Arabidopsis thaliana* protein encoded by a molecule of claim 2.

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